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Volunteers Sought for National Public Lands Day 2009
Event at New River ACEC October 3rd

BANDON, ORE. – The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Coos Bay District is looking for volunteers to participate in the 16th annual National Public Lands Day on Saturday, October 3, 2009 at New River Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). National Public Lands Day has become the largest volunteer hands-on effort of its kind in the country.

Volunteers at the BLM's New River ACEC, located south of Bandon, will stack wood and pull noxious weeds to create meadow habitat for songbirds, hummingbirds, deer, and other small mammals. The BLM will also provide a special activity for kids. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"It will be a great day outside and an opportunity for people who enjoy their public lands to help improve wildlife habitat at a beautiful location" said Kip Wright, New River ACEC Manager.

BLM staff will be on hand to assist volunteers, as well as provide all safety equipment and tools. Volunteers should wear outdoor work clothes and bring sunscreen, work gloves, and water. In appreciation, volunteers will receive a free T-shirt, hat, and coupon to return for a "fee free" day any time in the next year at any fee site managed by the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or BLM.

For more on the event or to RSVP, contact the BLM at 541-756-0100. Please visit www.publiclandsday.com or www.blm.gov/or for a complete listing of events across the state and additional information on National Public Lands Day.

About BLM

The BLM manages more land – 256 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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